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SUB: DEATH OF GENERAL DRAPER

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I HAD JUST READ THE SAD
NEWS IN THE WIRELESS FILE WHEN IT ARRIVED. IT MAKES ME
ALL THE MORE CONCERNED OVER YOUR OWN REPORTED RETIREMENT.
PLEASE SEE THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME IS PASSED
TO MRS. DRAPER:

QUOTE : DEAR EUNICE: I WAS GREATLY SADDENED TO HEAR
THE NEWS THIS MORNING ABOUT BILL. IT JUST NEVER OCCURRED TO
ME AS WE HAD OUR LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ONLY A FEW DAYS
AGO FROM FLORIDA, THAT THAT WOULD BE OUR LAST CONTACT. I SUPPOSE
I HAD JUST ASSUMED, AS MOST OTHERS, THAT BILL WOULD GO ON
FOREVER.

OUR HEART GOES OUT TO YOU IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS. BUT
AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARILY PRODUCTIVE
LIFE HE LED UNTIL THE VERY LAST. TO SAY HE WILL BE GREATLY
MISSED ALL OVER THE WORLD IS A WEAK UNDERSTATEMENT. I HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN FULL OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WHICH HAD SO MUCH INFLUENCE UPON MY OWN CAREER. JITKA
JOINS ME IN OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THIS SAD
OCCASION. END QUOTE.
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